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Release 3.3.3 Summary

Docketing

- When a user on the outside server docket any event (including an event to file a claim), a “Have you redacted?” message now appears to remind outside filers to eliminate all personal identifiers from a document before filing it in CM/ECF. See the *Miscellaneous* section for related changes.

- Case opening

During case opening, a flag should automatically be set to indicate the debtor’s pro se status; this flag was not always being set correctly. This has been fixed. MR 2258

- Case closing

If the first debtor was terminated from a joint case, the debtors were labeled incorrectly on the Case Closing Statistics Division Information screen: the terminated first debtor was labeled as the Joint Debtor, and the joint debtor was labeled as the Debtor. This has been fixed so that all debtors are labeled correctly. A “(T)” is now shown after the name of a terminated debtor. EMR 2361

*See related changes for this task in the following sections: ***Noticing***, *Query*, *Reports*, *Utilities* and *Miscellaneous*.*

- EditAutoAssign DPF

For a case with a trustee assigned, the EditAutoAssign DPF would previously function only if the trustee had been added through Automatic Assignment. Now EditAutoAssign will operate properly regardless of how the trustee was added to the case.

Noticing

In a case with multiple debtors, if the first debtor was terminated, any disposition information displayed on a form was sometimes matched to the wrong debtor. This no longer occurs. Note that if a dismissed or discharged date has not been set, the value is displayed as N/A, whereas a disposition value that has not been set is displayed as blank. EMR 2397

Query

The Case Summary screen has been modified to show terminated as well as active party and attorney records. A terminated party or attorney will have a "(T)" after the name. EMR 2361

Reports

- Automatic Discharge/Closing

Previously, the disposition method and disposition date were always updated when the Automatic Closing program was run: any disposition dates were set to the current date, and the disposition method was updated to "Discharged" or "Dismissed". If a value already existed in any of these fields, it was incorrectly overwritten. Now, the program does not update a field if a value already exists. MR 2358

- Cases

The report has been modified to show terminated as well as active debtor, plaintiff and defendant records. If applicable, the terminated date appears on the report and in the data file. In the data file, the terminated date is inserted directly after the role type. EMR 2361

These are the fields in the new data record:

1. Formatted case number with 2-digit year
2. Formatted case number with 4-digit year
3. [CM/ECF internal]
4. If this is a bankruptcy case, the chapter under which it was filed.
5. If this is a bankruptcy case that has been converted, the previous chapter.
6. If this is a bankruptcy case, the date on which an order of conversion was filed.
7. If this is a bankruptcy case, the date on which the case or the first debtor was discharged.
8. Date on which the case or the first debtor was dismissed.
9. Date on which the case was filed or reopened.
10. Date on which the case was entered into CM/ECF.
11. Date on which the case was closed.
12. The disposition code for the case, or for the first debtor in a joint case.
13. Code that identifies the type of case, "ap" = adversary proceeding, "bk" = bankruptcy, "mp" = miscellaneous proceeding.
14. If this is a bankruptcy case, the trustee's last name.
15. Judge's last name
16. If this is a bankruptcy case, the name of the county in which it was filed.
17. The name of the office in which the case was filed.

18. If this is a bankruptcy case, status of filing fee payment: "Paid", "Installment", "IFP Filing Fee Waived", "Installments Completed", "Fee Not Paid", or blank.
19. If this is a bankruptcy case, are there assets in the case? "yes", "no", or blank.
20. If this is a bankruptcy case, the disposition of the case or of the first debtor (e.g., "Discharge granted").
21. If this is a joint bankruptcy case, the discharge date of the joint debtor.
22. If this is a joint bankruptcy case, the dismissal date of the joint debtor.
23. If this is a joint bankruptcy case, the disposition code for the joint debtor.
24. If this is a joint bankruptcy case, the disposition for the joint debtor.
25. If this case is an adversary proceeding, a code for the divisional office in which the bankruptcy case was filed.
26. If this case is an adversary proceeding, the sequence number for the related bankruptcy case.
27. If this case is an adversary proceeding, the year (1 or 2 digits) of the related bankruptcy case.
28. If this case is an adversary or miscellaneous proceeding, its disposition (e.g., "Dismissed for want of prosecution").
29. First name
30. Middle name
31. Last name
32. Generation
33. Office or agency
34. 1st line of address
35. 2nd line of address
36. 3rd line of address
37. City
38. State
39. Zip code
40. Country
41. Phone
42. Social Security Number (the first 5 characters are masked for public users)
43. Tax ID
44. Sequence number of the party within the case
45. The role of the party in the case
46. The party terminated date, if applicable (debtor, plaintiff and defendant parties only)
47. Short title of the case (omitted when party information is included).

- Claims Register

When a claim is edited, the user may enter or update the number of the claim being amended via the "Amends Claim #" field. Previously, when the number of the amended claim was a subset of the original claim number (e.g., claim #15 is modified to amend claim #5), the Claims Register displayed an incorrect value for the "originally filed as" claim number. This has been corrected. MR 2303

Utilities

- Edit Case Data

If the first debtor was terminated from a joint case, the debtors were labeled incorrectly on the Edit Case Data screen: the terminated first debtor was labeled as the Joint Debtor, and the joint debtor was labeled as the Debtor. This has been fixed so that all debtors are labeled correctly. A “(T)” is now shown after the name of a terminated debtor. EMR 2361

Miscellaneous

- A notice has been added to the “CM/ECF Filer or PACER Login” screen, reminding electronic filers of their responsibility to eliminate all personal identifiers from a document before filing it in CM/ECF. The text of the message is as follows:

IMPORTANT NOTICE OF REDACTION RESPONSIBILITY: All filers must redact: Social Security or taxpayer-identification numbers; dates of birth; names of minor children; and financial account numbers, in compliance with Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9037. This requirement applies to all documents, including attachments.

The rule title is a hyperlink to the text of the rule. Below the message, a checkbox appears to affirm that the notice has been read and understood. All outside filers must check this box to log in.

- In some courts, the database includes document records with null page count values. These documents caused errors in the PACER billing program, making it impossible to bill correctly for them. The billing program now calculates the correct page count if the value in the database is null, and the billing is correct. EMR 2300

- PDF Headers

Previously, documents would occasionally fail to display when PDF headers were disabled. This has now been fixed, so that documents will display properly regardless of the PDF header settings. MR 2176, MR 2210, MR 2212